

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1454

To establish the policy of the United States with respect to deployment of missile defense systems capable of defending allies of the United States against ballistic missile attack.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 26, 2003

Mr. VITTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Defense Against Re-  
5 gional Threats Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLIED MISSILE DEFENSE POLICY.**

2       It is the policy of the United States to provide for  
3 deployment as soon as is technologically possible of effec-  
4 tive missile defense systems capable of defending Israel,  
5 Japan, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and all member  
6 nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization against  
7 ballistic missile attack.

8 **SEC. 3. ALLIED BURDENSARING.**

9       It is the policy of the United States to seek continued  
10 negotiated burdensaring agreements with the nations  
11 specified in section 2 to share the costs of development  
12 and deployment of ballistic missile defense systems.

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